

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. PADDOCK, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 1474.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1474) granting a pension to Philos G. Cook, having considered the same, would respectfully report as follows:

The claimant, Philos G. Cook, in his affidavit states that he was chaplain of the Ninety-fourth New York Volunteers during the war of the rebellion. That he is suffering from lung and bronchial troubles and a double inguinal hernia developed and made permanent by exposure at the battles of Fredricksburgh, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburgh as well as in the various movements of the Army in front of Petersburg. He is dependent, feeble, and 84 years of age.

The evidence is ample to prove that the claimant contracted serious disability while with unusual fidelity to duty acting as chaplain to his regiment.

Dr. D. C. Chamberlain, late surgeon of the Ninety-fourth Consolidated Infantry, makes affidavit to his personal knowledge of the existence of Chaplain Cook's hernia in 1863, and that he then learned that such rupture was contracted early in the service.

Dr. E. G. Derby, late assistant surgeon Ninety-fourth New York Volunteers, testifies to the disability of Chaplain Cook from inguinal hernia while in the service, and of his refusal to go on the sick list, though in constant suffering.

Lieut. Col. S. A. Moffett, of the same regiment, states that Chaplain Cook shared the hardships, privations, and dangers of the march, and often of the battlefield, with the soldiers and endeared himself to the whole regiment.

Capt. Chas. E. Scoville, of the Ninety-fourth New York Volunteers, writes:

No more deserving pension can be awarded than the one sought by Chaplain Cook, if meritorious services have earned the same. In every conceivable way he devoted himself faithfully to the physical, moral, and religious welfare of his beloved boys, and thus endeared himself to every man of our regiment.

In view of the faithful and long service of Chaplain Cook, the fact that this disability was contracted in the service, and that he is very old and dependent, your committee would recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendment:

In line 8 strike out the words "seventy-two" and insert "fifty."